TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. NOV 0 2 2005 (General - Patent Pending) FIS920040159US1 Edelstein et al. Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer No. **Group Art Unit** Confirmation No. 10/710,828 08/05/2004 M. Pizarro Crespo 30743 4827 2814 Title: **COPPER ALLOY VIA BOTTOM LINER COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is: Response to Requirement for Restriction **Postcard** in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 09-0458 as described below. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional fee required. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1 - 10, as identified by the Examiner, for further action on the merits.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 remain active in this application. No amendments have been made in this response and no new matter has been introduced into the application.

Restriction has been required between the inventions, as identified by the Examiner, of Group I, claims 1 - 10, and Group II, claims 11 - 20. A provisional election of the invention of Group I for further prosecution has been made, without traverse, above. Early and favorable action on the merits of claims 1 - 10 is now in order and respectfully requested.